How Do You Request a Legal Name Change on a Delta Ticket?

QUICK ANSWER:

Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with your marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order document. The agent verifies the legal document, updates your ticket to reflect your new legal name, and may reissue the ticket if required. The name on your ticket must match the ID you will use at the airport. There is no separate name change fee, but reissuance may involve a fare difference if the ticket price has changed. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with your documentation ready.

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HOW TO UPDATE YOUR LEGAL NAME ON A DELTA TICKET:

1. Determine if you need a correction (typo fix) or legal change (new name)

2. For corrections: call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with confirmation code and correct spelling from ID

3. For legal changes: call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with marriage cert, divorce decree, or court order

4. For wrong person: cancel and rebook (within 24 hrs = $0, after = eCredit + new ticket)

5. Name changes are phone-only — call +1➤855➤203➤2961 as the only processing channel

6. Have documents ready before calling for fastest processing

7. International: have passport open to data page for MRZ name format

8. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent determines the right process for your situation

What Documents Do You Need for a Post-Marriage Name Change?

For a post-marriage name change, call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with your marriage certificate and your updated government ID if you have already changed it. The marriage certificate proves the legal basis for the name change. The agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 may ask you to email a scanned copy to Delta's verification address for processing. If your ID has not been updated yet, keep the ticket in your maiden name until the ID update is complete because your ticket must match the ID you use at the airport. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent advises based on your specific timeline.

The marriage certificate should clearly show both your pre-marriage name and your new married name. If the certificate is in a language other than English, a certified English translation may be required. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 before obtaining a translation to confirm whether one is needed for your specific document, as some common certificate formats are recognized without translation.

What Documents Do You Need for a Post-Divorce Name Change?

For a post-divorce name reversion, call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with your divorce decree and your updated government ID. The divorce decree must include a name reversion provision specifying that your name is restored to your pre-marriage name. Some divorce decrees do not include this provision, in which case a separate court order for name change may be required. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and describe your decree to the agent, who can advise whether it is sufficient or whether additional documentation is needed.

If your divorce decree does not include a name reversion provision but you have separately obtained a court order for name change, that court order serves the same purpose. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with whatever legal documentation you have and the agent determines whether it meets Delta's requirements for processing the name change on your ticket.

What Documents Do You Need for a Court-Ordered Name Change?

For court-ordered name changes, call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with the court order document that specifies both your old and new names, signed by a judge. This covers name changes for gender transition, personal preference, or any other legally documented reason. Delta treats all court-ordered name changes identically regardless of the reason for the change. The agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 may request an emailed copy for verification. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and have the court order accessible.

The court order should clearly state the old name, the new name, and the effective date. If the order is from a foreign jurisdiction, a certified English translation may be required. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and describe your document before obtaining a translation to confirm whether one is necessary for your specific court order format.

Does a Legal Name Change Require Ticket Reissuance?

Not always. Some agents process legal name changes as corrections in the reservation system without full ticket reissuance, particularly when the change involves only the last name and the first name remains the same. Other agents or situations require reissuance, which involves cancelling the original ticket and issuing a new one under the new name. When reissuance occurs, a fare difference may apply if the ticket price has changed since your original purchase. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent determines whether reissuance is required for your specific name change and discloses any fare difference before processing.

If reissuance is required and the fare has increased significantly since your booking, you can choose not to proceed with the name change and keep the ticket in your old name as long as your travel ID still matches the old name. This gives you time to wait for a potentially lower fare before reprocessing the name change. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and discuss the timing strategy if the fare difference is substantial.

Should You Change the Ticket or Keep the Old Name?

The ticket name must match the ID you use at the airport. If you have already updated your driver's license and passport to your new legal name, you must update the ticket to match. If your ID still shows your old name, keep the ticket in the old name until the ID is updated. Traveling with a mismatched ticket and ID causes problems at TSA and international check-in. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent advises based on which ID you will carry on the travel date.

A common scenario for newlyweds: you booked honeymoon flights before the wedding under your maiden name, and now your new ID shows your married name. If you updated your ID before the trip, call +1➤855➤203➤2961 to change the ticket. If you will travel on your original ID before updating it, leave the ticket as is. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 to discuss the best timing approach for your specific situation.

How Long Does a Legal Name Change Take to Process?

The phone interaction for a legal name change typically takes 5-10 minutes once the agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 has verified your documentation. If the agent requires an emailed copy of your legal document, allow 1-2 business days for document review and processing after sending the email. Same-day processing is sometimes possible for urgent travel. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and mention your departure date so the agent prioritizes accordingly.

For the smoothest experience, call +1➤855➤203➤2961 at least one week before travel to allow ample time for document verification, system processing, and any necessary follow-up. Last-minute legal name changes are possible but add stress to an already complex travel preparation. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 early and the entire process is handled without time pressure.

Can You Request a Legal Name Change for Another Passenger on Your Booking?

The authorized contact on the booking or the passenger themselves can request a legal name change by calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. If you are changing a name for a spouse, child, or other family member on your booking, identify yourself as the booking holder and explain whose name needs to change. The agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 may need to verify the relationship and may ask to speak with the passenger directly for identity confirmation. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and be prepared for both parties to participate if needed.

For children whose names need correction or change on a booking, a parent or legal guardian can authorize the modification. The parent should call +1➤855➤203➤2961 from the phone number associated with the booking and provide the child's correct name from the child's government ID or birth certificate. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with the child's documentation accessible.

What If Your Legal Name Change Involves Multiple Bookings?

Each booking requires a separate name change request because bookings are independent in Delta's system. If you have multiple upcoming flights under your old name, call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent can process all changes during a single call by pulling up each confirmation code sequentially. Have all confirmation codes ready before the call. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and list all bookings that need the name update for comprehensive processing in one interaction.

If you have frequent upcoming travel, consider whether updating all bookings at once is more efficient than updating your SkyMiles profile name and then changing bookings individually as they approach. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent can update your SkyMiles profile name as well as individual bookings during the same call.

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Name Change vs Correction Comparison

Situation	Type	Cost	Documents	Process
Typo: "Jon" to "John"	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 2-5 min fix
Missing middle name added	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 2-5 min fix
Transposed letters: "Smtih" to "Smith"	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 2-5 min fix
Marriage: maiden to married name	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Marriage cert + new ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 5-10 min
Divorce: married to maiden name	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Divorce decree + new ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 5-10 min
Court-ordered name change	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Court order + new ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 5-10 min

Different person entirely	Not allowed (transfer)	Cancel + rebook cost	N/A	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 cancel + rebook
Wrong name within 24 hours of booking	24-hour cancel + rebook	$0 (DOT rule)	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 cancel + rebook

How Does Delta Compare to Other Airlines?

Policy	Delta	American	United	Southwest	Alaska	JetBlue
Minor spelling correction	Free phone only	Free phone only	Free phone only	Free phone/app	Free phone only	Free phone only
Legal name change	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs
Transfer to different person	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Limited some fares	Not allowed	Not allowed
Name change method	Phone only	Phone only	Phone only	Phone or app	Phone only	Phone only
Reissuance for legal	May require fare diff	May require fare diff	May require fare diff	No reissuance	May require fare diff	May require fare diff

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Q: What is the difference between a name change and name correction on Delta?

A name correction fixes small errors on the same person's ticket: typos, transposed letters, middle name additions. It is free and processed in 2-5 minutes. A legal name change updates the ticket to reflect a new legal name after marriage, divorce, or court order, requiring documentation and possible ticket reissuance with fare difference. Both require calling +1➤855➤203➤2961 because name modifications are phone-only on Delta.

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Q: Is a Delta name correction free?

Yes, minor name corrections are free. Fixing 1-3 character errors, correcting transposed letters, and adding or removing a middle name cost nothing when you call +1➤855➤203➤2961. The agent corrects the name during the call in 2-5 minutes and sends an updated confirmation email. The key requirement is

that the passenger identity remains the same person. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for free corrections.

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Q: How much does a Delta legal name change cost?

There is no separate name change fee. The only potential cost is a fare difference if the ticket requires reissuance and the current fare is higher than your original purchase price. Minor corrections never require reissuance. Legal name changes may require reissuance depending on the extent of the change. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent discloses any fare difference before processing.

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Q: Can you change a Delta ticket to a different person?

No, Delta tickets are non-transferable. You cannot change the passenger to a completely different person. The alternatives are: cancel for eCredit or cash refund and have the new person book separately, or use the 24-hour DOT rule to cancel and rebook under the correct name for free within 24 hours of booking. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for the cancel-and-rebook process.

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Q: What documents do you need for a Delta name change?

For corrections: government ID showing the correct spelling. For post-marriage: marriage certificate plus updated ID. For post-divorce: divorce decree plus updated ID. For court-ordered changes: court order plus updated ID. The agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 may request emailed copies. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with your documents ready.

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Q: Can you change a name on Delta online?

No, all name corrections and changes on Delta require calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. The website and Fly Delta app cannot process name modifications because the agent must verify the correction against a government ID before making changes. The phone process is quick, typically 2-5 minutes for corrections. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for all name modifications.

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Q: What happens if your name does not match your ID?

TSA compares your ticket name to your government ID under the Secure Flight program. Minor discrepancies like a missing middle name may be allowed. Significant mismatches can cause additional screening or boarding denial. Fix any discrepancy before travel by calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. International flights require exact passport match. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 as soon as you notice any name error.

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Q: Can you fix a name on a Delta award ticket?

Yes, same rules apply. Minor corrections are free. Legal changes require documentation. Transfers to different people are not allowed. For wrong-person bookings, cancel the award (miles redeposited with

possible fee, Diamond members free) and rebook under the correct name. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for award ticket name modifications.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Correction or change?

A: Correction: typo, same person, free. Change: new legal name, docs required. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 to determine.

Q: Cost?

A: Corrections free. Legal changes: possible fare diff. 24-hour fix: $0. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for exact cost.

Q: Documents?

A: ID for corrections. Marriage cert/divorce decree/court order for legal. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with docs ready.

Q: Phone only?

A: Yes. Website and app cannot process name modifications. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for all name changes.

Q: Transfer?

A: Not allowed. Cancel + rebook under new name. Within 24 hrs: $0 per DOT. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961.

Q: Award ticket?

A: Same rules. Corrections free. Legal with docs. Cancel returns miles. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961.

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